

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An anchor, comprising:

an elongate shank having a trailing end adapted to be secured to an anchor;

a slide sleeve that ensleeves said elongate shank;

said slide sleeve being slideable along the extent of said elongate shank;

said slide sleeve being rotatable about a longitudinal axis of said elongate shank;

a first cap secured to a leading end of said elongate shank to prevent disengagement of said slide sleeve from said elongate shank;

a tab secured to said slide sleeve, said tab projecting radially outwardly with respect to said longitudinal axis of said elongate shank;

an aperture formed in said tab;

a loop member that extends through said aperture, said loop member adapted to be engaged by an anchor chain means;

said anchor including a pair of flukes that are disposed substantially parallel to one another;

a transversely disposed straight rod positioned in trailing relation to each of said flukes;

each of said flukes having a trailing end secured to said straight rod;

a pivot sleeve disposed in ensleeving relation to said straight rod, mid-length thereof, said pivot sleeve being rotatable about a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said straight rod;

said trailing end of said elongate shank being secured to said pivot sleeve so that said elongate shank is rotatable about the longitudinal axis of said pivot sleeve;

said slide sleeve and said first cap being complementally beveled with respect to one another so that a beveled leading end of said slide sleeve mates with a beveled trailing end of said first cap when said slide sleeve and said first cap are disposed in abutting relation to one another;

whereby a vessel operator places tension on the anchor chain means and travels toward a point on the water above an anchor engaged to an underwater obstacle while maintaining said tension;

whereby said elongate shank rotates to follow the path of travel of said vessel, said elongate shank pointing toward said vessel as said vessel travels;

whereby said slide sleeve rotates about a longitudinal axis of said elongate shank;

whereby said slide sleeve slides along the length of said elongate shank;

whereby said vessel continues along the same path of travel if said anchor does not release from said obstacle and said vessel passes over the anchor so that said vessel is traveling away from said anchor;

whereby said anchor is released from said obstacle.

2. (cancelled) The anchor of claim 1, further comprising:

said anchor including a pair of flukes that are disposed substantially parallel to one another;

a transversely disposed straight rod positioned in trailing relation to each of said flukes;

each of said flukes having a trailing end secured to said straight rod;

a pivot sleeve disposed in ensleeving relation to said straight rod, mid-length thereof, said pivot sleeve being rotatable about a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said straight rod;

said trailing end of said elongate shank being secured to said pivot sleeve so that said elongate shank is rotatable about the longitudinal axis of said pivot sleeve.

3. (cancelled) The anchor of claim 1, further comprising:

said anchor being formed of an initially flat sheet of material having a "V"-shaped bend formed centrally thereof so that said anchor is symmetrical about said "V"-shaped bend;

said elongate shank having a bend formed therein at a trailing end thereof;

a trailing part of said elongate shank being secured to said anchor at said "V"-shaped bend;

a second cap secured to said elongate shank near said trailing part of said elongate shank, said second cap being positioned in leading relation to said bend formed in said elongate shank so that said slide sleeve is free to slide along a straight extent of said elongate shank between said first cap and said second cap;

whereby said elongate shank rotates to follow the path of travel of said vessel, said elongate shank pointing toward said vessel as said vessel travels;

whereby said anchor travels conjointly with said elongate shank.

4. (cancelled) The anchor of claim 1, further comprising:

said slide sleeve and said first cap being complementally beveled with respect to one another so that a beveled leading end of said slide sleeve mates with a beveled trailing end of said first cap when said slide sleeve and said first cap are disposed in abutting relation to one another.

5. (original) The anchor of claim 1, further comprising:
said elongate shank being formed of stainless steel.

6. (original) The anchor of claim 1, further comprising:
said slide sleeve being formed of stainless steel.

7. (currently amended) The anchor of claim 2, further comprising:
said pivot sleeve being formed of stainless steel.

8. (New) An anchor, comprising:

an elongate shank having a trailing end adapted to be secured to an anchor;

a slide sleeve that enslaves said elongate shank;

said slide sleeve being slideable along the extent of said elongate shank;

said slide sleeve being rotatable about a longitudinal axis of said elongate shank;

a first cap secured to a leading end of said elongate shank to prevent disengagement of said slide sleeve from said elongate shank;

a tab secured to said slide sleeve, said tab projecting radially outwardly with respect to said longitudinal axis of said elongate shank;

an aperture formed in said tab;

a loop member that extends through said aperture, said loop member adapted to be engaged by an anchor chain means;

said anchor being formed of an initially flat sheet of material having a "V"-shaped bend formed centrally thereof so that said anchor is symmetrical about said "V"-shaped bend;

said elongate shank having a bend formed therein at a trailing end thereof;

a trailing part of said elongate shank being secured to said anchor at said "V"-shaped bend;

a second cap secured to said elongate shank near said trailing part of said elongate shank, said second cap being positioned in leading relation to said bend formed in said elongate shank so that said slide sleeve is free to slide along a straight extent of said elongate shank between said first cap and said second cap;

said slide sleeve and said first cap being complementally beveled with respect to one another so that a beveled leading end of said slide sleeve mates with a beveled trailing end of said first cap when said slide sleeve and said first cap are disposed in abutting relation to one another;

whereby a vessel operator places tension on the anchor chain means and travels toward a point on the water above an anchor engaged to an underwater obstacle while maintaining said tension;

whereby said elongate shank rotates to follow the path of travel of said vessel, said elongate shank pointing toward said vessel as said vessel travels;

whereby said slide sleeve rotates about a longitudinal axis of said elongate shank;

whereby said slide sleeve slides along the length of said elongate shank;

whereby said vessel continues along the same path of travel if said anchor does not release from said obstacle and said vessel passes over the anchor so that said vessel is traveling away from said anchor;

whereby said anchor is released from said obstacle.

9. (new) The anchor of claim 8, further comprising:
said elongate shank being formed of stainless steel.

10. (new) The anchor of claim 8, further comprising:
said slide sleeve being formed of stainless steel.